

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**March 6, 2008**

## **Wyoming Specialty Crop Small Grant Program announced**

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture announced the availability of small grants for farmers to implement season extension methods, such as high tunnels, and water conservation methods, such as drip irrigation systems, to increase productivity in their operations.

Grants will also be available for native seed production.

The Wyoming Specialty Crop Small Grant Program is a matching program. Grants range from \$500 to \$2000. The total grant award is limited to 50% of the actual eligible expenditure.

Eligibility requirements:

1. The applicant must be a private-sector Wyoming-based agricultural producer as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
2. The applicant must demonstrate that he or she is capable of capitalizing on methods that will enhance their specialty crop production through season extensions, water conservation, and native seed production
3. The applicant must show that he or she has received a recommendation from a local entity or individual that can vouch for your involvement in agricultural production.

Applications are due by April 15. For more information, contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7321. Application forms and guidelines are available on the Wyoming Department of Agriculture website at <http://agriculture.wy.gov>

**###**